

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	71914	Agenda Number	26.
Meeting Date:	June 22, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, administered by the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) with GT DISTRIBUTORS INC., for the purchase of night vision goggles and helmet mounts, in an amount not to exceed \$96,300.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$90,639 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Special Revenue Fund of the Management Services Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management through the 2015 State Homeland Security Program funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$5,661 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide these goods required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractor is the current provider for these goods.			
Prior Council Action:	[Redacted]			
For More Information:	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@ austintexas.gov or to the buyer, Liz Lock, at 512-974-2034 or Liz.Lock@ austintexas.gov			
Boards and Commission Action:	[Redacted]			
Related Items:	[Redacted]			
MBE / WBE:	This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting			

opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of eight night vision goggles and eight helmet mounts for the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit of the Austin Police Department (APD). Night vision equipment is used during special operations conducted in low light conditions to resolve dangerous situations or neutralize threats to the public.

These goggles are specifically designed for SWAT teams and will provide APD approximately 10 to 12 years of productive life. In addition, this purchase will help phase out APD's aging inventory of night vision goggles. The requested goggles will require no new or additional training for officers to operate.

The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using department estimates.

The BuyBoard cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Delay in approving or failure to approve this purchase may result in the loss of grant funding. Grant funding expires July 31, 2017.